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1. No flying was observed at the Grossenhain (W 52/A 01) airfield (location see Annex) in clear weather between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Four jet planes were parked beside the hangar on the southern border of the field. All the hangars were closed. Apart from the four planes no other aircraft were seen at the field. all the hangars are said to be filled with planes.

2. Description of the jet planes:

Low-wing monoplane, swept-back wings, air intake in nose, air exhaust at tail, wings without taper, tips cut off. Rudder assembly set at tail, trailing edge straight, slightly rounded at top, leading edge slanting toward fuselage, elevator assembly set at upper third of rudder assembly, main landing gear under wings, cockpit beginning forward of leading edge and terminating aft of it, fairing into the fuselage in light curves. Coat of paint silver-gray, no armament seen, air intake surrounded by a red circle, top of rudder assembly marked by a 5-cm wide red stripe.

3. From the number of the soldiers seen, the observed quarters and pertinent statements made by local residents the airfield personnel were estimated at about 5,000.

4. No AAA emplacements were observed at or near the field. Three and 25 boxes respectively were seen in front of the damaged hangar and the repair hangar. The boxes were 8 x 4 x 2.5 meters. Some were not symmetrical. About six antenna masts interconnected by wires were on the roof of the airfield administration. Twenty-three containers with a capacity of 30,000 liters each and half-dug into the earth were counted at the fuel dump on the northern side of the field. Four more such tanks were north of the repair hangar. Boundary, obstacle, or runway lights were not observed. Red flags were put along the runway.

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a. Report supplements a previous report [REDACTED] *

b. The supplementary information is commented upon as follows:

(1) The description of the jet fighters is confirmed. It again shows that apparently only one type of swept-back aircraft is presently available in the Soviet Zone of Germany. Its type designation is unknown.

(2) The statements that the hangars are allegedly filled with aircraft is considered credible since from previous information at least two, and possibly even three, fighter regiments are assumed to be stationed in Grossenhain.

(3) Para 3 concerning the strength of the airfield personnel cannot be verified for lack of comparable information.

(4) The boxes mentioned in para 4 probably are shipping crates for jet aircraft. A total of 40 jet aircraft is assumed to be stationed in Grossenhain.

1 Annex: Airfield of Grossenhain.

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